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1. A receiver for mounting to a frame of a motor vehicle,
comprising:
a main frame member including a cross member, a first end,
a second end and a midpoint;
5 a first selectively positionable mounting flange secured to
said cross member at a selected first point between said first end and said
midpoint, said first mounting flange having a first series of anchoring
apertures;
a second selectively positionable mounting flange secured to
10 said cross member at a selected second point between said second end and
said midpoint, said second mounting flange having a second series of
anchoring apertures; and
a pair of mounting brackets, each of said pair of mounting brackets
including (a) a mounting skirt for engaging the frame of the motor vehicle,
15 (b) a first set of mounting apertures and (c) a second set of mounting
apertures a spaced distance from said first set of mounting apertures

whereby said first set of mounting apertures are aligned with either of said first and second anchoring apertures to allow said mounting brackets to be secured to said main frame member in a first position and said second set of mounting apertures are aligned with either of said first and second anchoring apertures to allow said mounting brackets to be secured to said main frame member in a second position.

2. The receiver of claim 1, wherein each of said pair of mounting brackets includes two planar surfaces extending substantially perpendicular to one another.

3. The receiver of claim 1, wherein each of said pair of mounting brackets is at least in part substantially L-shaped in cross section including first and second planar surfaces substantially perpendicular to one another.

4. The receiver of claim 1, wherein said pair of opposed mounting brackets are mounted outboard of said mounting flanges.

5. The receiver of claim 1, wherein said pair of opposed mounting brackets are mounted inboard of said mounting flanges.

6. The receiver of claim 1, further including fasteners for securing said pair of mounting brackets to said mounting flanges by extending said fasteners through said series of anchoring apertures and either of said first set of mounting apertures or said second set of mounting apertures.

7. The receiver of claim 1, wherein said mounting brackets are reversible so that said mounting skirts extend inwardly, toward each other or outwardly, away from each other.

8. The trailer hitch receiver of claim 1 wherein said pair of mounting brackets are nontubular and are secured directly between said main frame member and the frame of the motor vehicle.

9. The trailer hitch receiver of claim 1, wherein said main frame member includes a round cross section.

10. The trailer hitch receiver of claim 1, further including a third mounting flange connected to said first end of said cross member and a fourth mounting flange connected to said second end of said cross member.

11. The receiver of claim 1, further including an accessory receiver carried on said cross member.

12. The receiver of claim 11, wherein said accessory receiver is mounted to said cross member at said midpoint.

13. The receiver of claim 12, wherein said accessory receiver is a hitch receiver box.

14. A receiver for mounting to a frame of a motor vehicle, comprising:

a frame element;

first and second selectively positionable mounting flanges

5 each having a series of anchoring apertures, each of said first and second mounting flanges engaging said frame element at a first end thereof and carrying said series of anchoring apertures at a second end thereof; and

a pair of mounting brackets, each of said pair of mounting brackets including (a) a mounting skirt for engaging the frame of the
10 motor vehicle, (b) a first set of mounting apertures and (c) a second set of mounting apertures a spaced distance from said first set of mounting apertures whereby said first set of mounting apertures are aligned with said anchoring apertures to allow said mounting brackets to be secured to said frame element in a first position and said second set of mounting
15 apertures are aligned with said anchoring apertures to allow said mounting brackets to be secured to said frame element in a second position, said frame element being cantilever mounted in either of said first and second positions.